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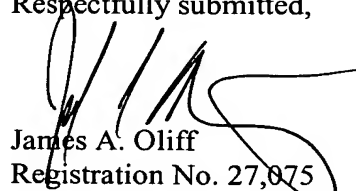
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 1 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference 1 is attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS
	1	JP A 08-25768 w/ Abst & Trans	1/30/1996	Japan		

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)


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